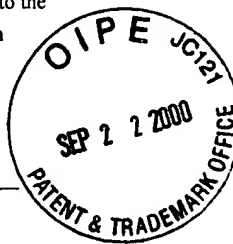


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated August 25, 2000, applicant elects with traverse the further prosecution of claim Group I.

Claim Group I was identified in the Office Action as comprising claims 1 and 2. Applicant believes, however, that claim Group I should in fact encompass claims 1-19, all of which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. The undersigned reviewed claims 1-19 and saw no basis for any restriction between them. It is further noted that depending claims 3-19 have not been included in any of the four claim groups identified in the Office Action.

Accordingly, applicant requests an Office Action on the merits with respect to claims 1-19 constituting the elected Group I.

Reconsideration and retraction of the restriction requirement is requested. Although there are subtle differences between the groups of the identified claim groups, they


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nevertheless all are directed to the same invention, requiring a single search. Accordingly, applicant requests a substantive Office Action with respect to all pending claims 1-46.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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